

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-8 as follows:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp provided
2 with a discharge vessel having a wall of a ceramic material, and
3 provided with at least one electrode feedthrough comprising a
4 cermet rod, which is secured, at a first end, to a first end of an
5 electrode pin by means of a welded joint, which electrode pin is
6 substantially composed of tungsten and extends in line with the
7 cermet rod, characterized in that wherein the electrode pin
8 comprises a solidified tungsten melt at its first end in the
9 vicinity of the interface between electrode pin and cermet rod.

1 2. (Currently Amended) A lamp as claimed in claim 1,
2 characterized in that wherein the solidified tungsten melt has a
3 dimension that is at most equal to the diameter of the electrode
4 pin, and the distance from said solidified tungsten melt to the
5 interface between electrode pin and cermet rod is smaller than half
6 the diameter of the electrode pin.

1 3. (Currently Amended) A lamp as claimed in claim 1,
2 characterized in that wherein the electrode pin exhibits, at its

3 first end, a tungsten melt in three locations on its circumference,
4 which tungsten melts are arranged at an angle of 120° with respect
5 to each other and are at the same distance from the interface.

1 4. (Currently Amended) A lamp as claimed in claim 1,
2 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cermet rod is connected at a
3 second end to a niobium pin.

1 5. (Currently Amended) A lamp as claimed in claim 1,
2 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the electrode pin carries a tungsten
3 electrode spiral at a second end.

1 6. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an electrode
2 feedthrough for a high-pressure discharge lamp ~~as claimed in claim~~
3 ~~1, characterized in that~~ comprising:
4 arranging a cermet rod ~~is arranged~~ such that a first end butts
5 against a first end of a substantially tungsten electrode pin
6 situated in line with the cermet rod, and ~~in that~~
7 directing a laser beam ~~is directed~~ at the first end of the
8 electrode pin, at a target point in the vicinity of the interface
9 between electrode pin and cermet rod, as a result of which a welded

10 joint is obtained at the interface between cermet rod and electrode
11 pin and, in addition, a melt, which solidifies upon cooling, is
12 formed at the target point on the first end of the electrode pin.

1 7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 6,
2 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein two or more laser beams are directed
3 at two or more target points on the circumference of the first end
4 of the electrode pin, which target points are situated on the
5 circumference of the electrode pin so as to make equal angles with
6 each other and are situated at an equal distance from the interface
7 between electrode pin and cermet rod.

1 8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 7,
2 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein three laser beams are applied at an
3 angle of 120°.